

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 CAIRO 00954 301106 Z

12

ACTION NEA-12

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 EUR-25 ADP-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-09 H-02

INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01 SS-14

USIA-12 IO-12 RSR-01 /126 W
----- 063074

R 301030 Z MAR 73
FM USINT CAIRO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2824
INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN
AMEMBASSY BEIRUT
AMEMBASSY JIDDA
AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV
AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI
AMEMBASSY TUNIS
USMISSION USUN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE CAIRO 0954

EO 11652: N/A
TAGS: PFOR, EG, LY, IS, PGOV
SUBJECT: CAIRO PRESS NOTES

1. WAR MINISTER'S ADDRESS. MARCH 30 PRESS REPORTS REMARKS WHICH WAR MINISTER ISMAIL MADE FOLLOWING TRAINING EXERCISES ON MARCH 29. THEME OF PUBLISHED REMARKS WAS MARTIAL. ISMAIL SAID THAT "WAR IS THE WAY TO REGAIN OUR RIGHTS AND MAINTAIN OUR DIGNITY." HE STATED THAT EGYPT FACED TWO PATHS: RELINQUISHMENT OF LAND AND SOVEREIGNTY, AND PROVISION OF ENEMY WITH OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND AND IMPOSE FAIT ACCOMPLI; OR STRUGGLE UNTIL LIBERATION OF TERRITORY. HE STATED THAT MILITARY MUST CARRY OUT NATIONAL MISSION OF STRUGGLE. TO DO SO, PREPARATIONS SHOULD CONTINUE AND ARMY MUST NOT BE DISSUADED BY PSYCHOLOGICAL PROPAGANDA. ISMAIL SAID THAT EGYPTIAN ARMY WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED BY ENEMY PROPAGANDA STORIES OF AMERICAN
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 CAIRO 00954 301106 Z

WEAPONS TO ISRAEL, FOR EGYPT ALSO HAS WEAPONS, AND ITS EQUIPMENT IS " INCREASING DAY BY DAY."

2. MARCH 30 PRESS ALSO REPORTS APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNORS TO SEVEN PROVINCES: MOHAMED OSMAN ISMAIL, ASSIUT; MOHAMED HAMED MAHMOUD, GIZA; NAYAT SHAWKAT EL GAMMAL, BEHEIRA; AHMED EL SAYYED ABDEL HADY, GHARBIA; MAJOR- GENERAL SHAFIK ESSMAT, BENI SUEF ; MAJOR- GENERAL MOHAMMED ZAKY ABDEL LATIF, KENA; MOHAMED ALY RASHID, MERSA MATROUH. (COMMENT: BOTH MOHAMED OSMAN AND HAMED MAHMOUD SERVED ON ASU DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE.)

3. CABINET COMMITTEES WERE FORMED MARCH 29 UNDER DIRECTION OF HATEM AND FIRST DISCUSSIONS OF VARIOUS INTERNAL PROBLEMS TOOK PLACE ON SAME DAY. SADAT WILL REPORTEDLY CHAIR URGENT MEETING OF COMMITTEE CHARGED WITH REDUCING COST OF LIVING ON MARCH 31. SADAT IS ALSO SCHEDULED TO PRESIDE OVER REGULAR CABINET MEETING APRIL 4.

4. EGYPT/ LIBYA. MARCH 30 PRESS REPORTS THAT LIBYAN RCC MEMBER EL- HUNI ARRIVED IN CAIRO MARCH 29. HE WAS MET AT AIRPORT BY ASHRAF MARWAN. MARCH 28 PRESS REPORTED THAT MARWAN HAD RETURNED TO CAIRO FROM TRIPOLI MARCH 27 , FOLLOWING ONE DAY VISIT. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A CAPT. AHMED AL- MEKASSABI, REPORTED TO BE QADHAAFI' S INFORMATION SECRETARY.

5. HEYKAL' S ARTICLE MARCH 30 DEALS WITH HIS MEETING WITH INDIAN PRIME MINISTER GANDHI. DISCUSSION DEALT ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY WITH INDIA/ PAKISTAN CONFLICT. EGYPT WAS MENTIONED BUT LITTLE, AND GENERALLY IN THE CONTEXT OF NON- ALIGNMENT AND EGYPT' S NON- RECOGNITION OF BANGLADESH. GREENE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

*** Current Handling Restrictions *** n/a

*** Current Classification *** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PFOR
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 30 MAR 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: smithrj
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973CAIRO00954
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: n/a
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: CAIRO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730344/aaaaiqkp.tel
Line Count: 100
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: smithrj
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03 AUG 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <03-Aug-2001 by worrelsw>; APPROVED <29-Nov-2001 by smithrj>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: <DBA CORRECTED> wfs 980121
Subject: CAIRO PRESS NOTES
TAGS: PGOV, EG, IS, LY
To: AMMAN
BEIRUT
JIDDA
KHARTOUM
LONDON
MOSCOW
NEA

SECSTATE WASHDC

TEL AVIV

Type: TE

Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005